

## Message Text

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TAGS: MILI, HK

SUBJECT: EXPORT OF FIREARMS FROM HONG KONG

REF: (A) STATE 028053 (B) 75 HONG KONG A-179

1. COMPLETE REGULATIONS REGARDING FIREARMS ARE CONTAINED  
IN ARMS AND AMMUNITION, CHAPTER 238 OF THE REVISED  
EDITION, 1964, POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT UNDER REF (B).

2. THERE IS NO LICENSED PRODUCTION OF ANY TYPE OF  
MUNITIONS IN HONG KONG, SO ANY EXPORTS OF FIREARMS ARE  
SIMPLY RE-EXPORTS. IN ORDER TO RE-EXPORT ARMS IT IS FIRST  
NECESSARY TO OBTAIN FROM THE HKG DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY A LICENSE TO IMPORT THE ARMS. THE HK POLICE  
HAVE FINAL SAY ON THE ISSUANCE OF ARMS IMPORTATION LICENSE.  
BEFORE RE-EXPORTING ARMS, AN EXPORT LICENSE MUST BE OBTAINED.  
IT IS OBTAINED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE IMPORT LICENSE.

3. OF A TOTAL OF 1754 FIREARMS IMPORTED TO HONG KONG DURING  
JANUARY-AUGUST, 1975, 1,225 WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RE-EXPORTED.

4. HKG CONTROLS ON FIREARMS ARE STRICT, AND EFFECTIVELY  
ENFORCED. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT ANY SIZEABLE ILLEGAL  
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